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ALL of the chief functionaries of the Communist Party of Hungary are mere followers of RAKOSI, GEROE, REVAI, VAS and PARKAS. These five are the only prominent Hungarian politicians who are on good terms with MOSCOW dignitaries. The reciprocal relations between these men and MOSCOW are now under attack by REVAI, who, together with the executed RAJK, tried to dislodge RAKOSI from his position.

REVAL and LAJK were opposed by RAKOSI, VAS and GEROE. RAKOSI improved his position when he won KARKAS to his side. The alignment was then four unanimous leaders against two men who frequently disagreed. REVAL bided his time after the RAJK affair. He is now trying to create dissension between Zoltan VAS and GEROE. As VAS and GEROE both work in the economic field, friction can easily be created.

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REVAL is aware of the weaknesses inherent in VAS' makeup and is striving to exploit them, hoping to weaken RAKOSI by driving a wedge between GEROE and VAS. These differences might then be widened into a breach between GEROE and RAKOSI.

Foreign Minister KALLAI, a follower of REVAI, hopes to convert KADAR, the Minister of the Interior, and MOROSAN, the

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Minister of Light Industry, to his viewpoint. KOSSA, the Minister of Finance, sides with VAS, while FARKAS leans toward RAKOSI.

No other members of the Hungarian Ministry are outstanding personalities who can be used in this game of chess and they are therefore omitted from these sketches. Politicians who strive to maintain a middle-of-the-road position have absolutely no say in political matters.

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